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Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/ Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 2001/23 of 26 July 2001,

Having considered the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS),[1]

[1] E/2003/66.

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Recalling the goals and targets set forth in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS[2] adopted at the special session of the General Assembly in 2001, and the HIV/AIDS-related goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3]

Encouraged by the resolve of Governments to intensify implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS in order to meet the goals and targets contained therein,

Reaffirming the importance of the follow-up process prescribed by the Declaration, which included the setting of discrete time-bound targets, the first of which fall due this year,

Expressing concern about the continued global spread of HIV/AIDS, which poses a major threat to food security in heavily affected regions,

Welcoming the establishment of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria,

1. *Urges* the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to intensify their support to Governments, with a view to achieving the Millennium Development Goals,[3] as well as the goals and targets contained in the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS;[2]

2. *Encourages* Governments to participate at the highest possible level in the high-level plenary meetings and informal interactive panel discussion of the General Assembly, which are to be held on 22 September 2003;

3. *Endorses* the decisions of the Programme Coordinating Board of the Programme, taken in response to the external evaluation of the Programme which set out five cross-cutting functions to apply at all levels of the Programme, namely: (a) Leadership and advocacy for

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[2] General Assembly resolution S-26/2, annex.

[3] See General Assembly resolution 55/2.

effective action on the epidemic; (b) Strategic information required to guide the efforts of partners; (c) Tracking, monitoring and evaluation of the epidemic and actions responding to it; (d) Civil society engagement and partnership development; (e) Financial, technical and political resource mobilization;

4. *Commends* the Programme as a positive example of United Nations system reform in action, and encourages the further refinement of the work of the Programme in areas such as: identifying best practices, broader efforts to harmonize planning, implementation and reporting on development assistance; supporting periodic and comprehensive multi-stakeholder reviews of national AIDS programmes; formulating joint United Nations programmes to support national responses to HIV/AIDS; and reporting on a more systematic basis on the activities of United Nations theme groups on HIV/AIDS through the annual reports submitted by the United Nations resident coordinators to the Secretary-General;

5. *Urges* the inclusion of the country coordinators of the Programme as members of United Nations country teams in order to strengthen United Nations coordination in the fight against HIV/AIDS at country level and to mobilize intensified assistance to Governments in mounting and sustaining effective responses to HIV/AIDS;

6. *Urges* the Programme Coordinating Board of the Programme and the governing boards of co-sponsoring agencies to develop closer links and more effective coordination in order to ensure that clear and effective guidance is provided to the secretariat of the Programme and to the co-sponsors, including through the regular consideration by each governing board of each co-sponsoring agency's engagement in the Programme;

7. *Urges* Governments, multilateral and bilateral donors, civil society and other partners to increase their funding for AIDS-related activities, including funding of the Programme's unified budget and work plan, in order to ensure a level of financial and other resources that are fully commensurate with the multisectoral challenges of the epidemic;

8. *Encourages* the Programme to continue to establish efficient and effective cooperation arrangements with financing mechanisms, such as the World Bank Multi-Country HIV/AIDS Program and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit to the Economic and Social Council, at its substantive session of 2005, a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Programme, in collaboration with other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, which should include a report on progress made in developing a coordinated response by the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

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